WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A surgical needle, which comprises:

an elongated needle body defining a longitudinal axis, the elongated needle body including a main shaft, a needle end adjacent the main shaft, and a needle tip extending from the needle end and having an extreme needle point, the needle end including a plurality of concave surfaces extending from the needle tip to the main shaft, the needle tip including a plurality of concave surfaces extending from the needle point to intersect the concave surfaces of the needle end.

2. The surgical needle according to claim 1 wherein the concave surfaces of the needle end are obliquely arranged relative to the longitudinal axis at a first angle.

3. The surgical needle according to claim 2 wherein the concave surfaces of the needle tip are obliquely arranged relative to the longitudinal axis at a second angle greater than the first angle.

4. The surgical needle according to claim 1 further including cutting edges disposed along lines of intersection of the concave surfaces of the needle end with the concave surfaces of the needle tip.

5. The surgical needle according to claim 4 wherein the needle end includes four intersecting concave surfaces.

6. The surgical needle according to claim 5 wherein the needle end defines a generally diamond-shape in cross-section along an axis transverse to the longitudinal axis.

7. The surgical needle according to claim 6 wherein the needle end defines a maximum cross-sectional dimension greater than a corresponding maximum cross-sectional dimension of the main shaft.

8. The surgical needle according to claim 1 wherein the needle tip includes four intersecting concave surfaces.

9. The surgical needle according to claim 8 wherein the needle tip defines a generally diamond-shape in cross-section along an axis transverse to the longitudinal axis.

10. The surgical needle according to claim 1 wherein the main shaft is curved along the longitudinal axis of the needle body.

11. The surgical needle according to 1 wherein the main shaft includes means for attaching a suture.

12. A surgical needle, which comprises:

an elongated needle body defining a longitudinal axis, the elongated needle body

including a main shaft, a needle end adjacent the main shaft, and a needle tip contiguously extending from the needle end and having an extreme needle point, the needle end including at least three non-linear intersecting surfaces extending from the needle tip to the main shaft, the needle tip including at least three non-linear intersecting surfaces extending from the needle point to the needle end and intersecting the at least three non-linear surfaces of the needle end.

13. The surgical needle according to claim 12 wherein the at least three non-linear surfaces of the needle end define cutting edges along lines of intersection of adjacent surfaces thereof.

14. The surgical needle according to claim 12 wherein the at least three non-linear surfaces of the needle tip define cutting edges along lines of intersection of adjacent surfaces thereof.

15. The surgical needle according to claim 14 wherein the at least three non-linear intersecting surfaces of the needle end and the at least three non-linear intersecting surfaces of the needle tip define cutting edges along lines of intersection thereof.

16. The surgical needle according to claim 15 wherein the needle end includes four non-linear surfaces.

17. The surgical needle according to claim 16 wherein the needle tip includes

four non-linear surfaces.

18. The surgical needle according to claim 17 wherein the four non-linear surfaces of each of the needle end and the needle tip are generally concave.

19. The surgical needle according to claim 12 wherein the at least three non-linear surfaces of each of the needle end and the needle tip are generally concave.